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U.S. Patent No. 5,450,165 (Henderson)

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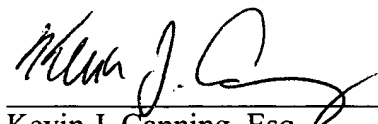
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